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1. Since the return to Bolivia of Jose Antonio Arze, Partido Izquierda Revolucionario (PIR) leader, a vigorous propaganda campaign among PIR youth has been inaugurated. This propaganda has appeared in articles of the leftist paper El Pueblo, as well as in pamphlets distributed among university students.
2. Xavier Galindo and Victor Hugo Libera were the speakers at a recent PIR youth meeting. Galindo reported on Arze's trip to Europe, and informed the PIR youth that through the contacts made by Arze better relations and closer contact could now be expected with the Soviet Union. The PIR was stated to be the only instrument of salvation for Bolivia, under the conditions imposed on the country by the "Yankee imperialists" and the "Feudal lords".
3. Libera, Secretary General of the Frente Universitario de Izquierda, gave a report on organizational plans to the group, repeating the ideas expressed by Galindo. Libera stated that the youth of Bolivia must decide now whether they would like to have their country free or under the yoke of the American imperialists and the feudal lords of Bolivia. The youth of the country, said Libera, could save the country under the guidance of Arze, as the Soviet Union is now saving Europe from the same fate.
4. There have also been similar PIR meetings and reunions in Cochabamba, where the same propaganda line was expressed. Arze was the speaker at one of these gatherings. He stated that his trip had been financed by "foreign funds", and that neither he nor the PIR was obliged to pay any of the expenses incurred. The PIR must maintain sympathetic relations with the Soviet Union which has the only government which can now be considered the vanguard of the proletariat, according to Arze. He gave an outline of the activities and accomplishments of the PIR since its founding in 1940, and stated that it is the only political organization which has broken the capitalist system of domination. The worker's standards have been raised, and he is now protected by the PIR from becoming a slave under the imperialistic orders. In maintaining collaboration and cordial relations with the Soviet, the PIR would be aiding the peace movement of the world as it is now being fostered by the Soviet. Arze pointed out that the PIR's cooperation with other world-wide leftist organizations would in no way affect the independence of that Party.
5. Arze closed his talk by stating that during his tour of Europe he had the extreme advantage of being a first-hand observer of the splendid work being

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done by the USSR in restoring faith among the devastated. That country, he reported, is not resorting to terrorism nor is it applying economic pressure to the masses of Europe, as seems to be the policy of the capitalistic monarchies. "I am proud to report", Arze stated, "that the PIR in its internal problems has adopted the policy that seems prevalent today in Europe, that of justice and understanding. Our Party is the only Party in Bolivia that can point with pride to the work it has accomplished for the laboring classes. The PIR is the only Party that has the most dynamic of the youth of the country; that has among its members the most progressive of the women of Bolivia; and the only Party that can count among its cells active groups of Indians".

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